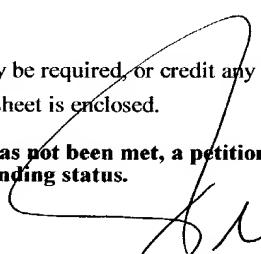


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Joachim KOZLOWSKI

Group Art Unit:

Appln. No.:

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Title: Machine Knife For Trimming Books Or The Like

April 30, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to fee calculation and examination:

**In the Claims:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

5. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7) has been embedded in a lock seam (8) on the free end of the blade holder (4).

7. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (10) has been embedded in a groove (9), which extends slightly inclined in respect to the surface of the blade holder (4').

8. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that at the knife tip the blade holder (4", 4'') is recessed in respect to the knife support (1", 1'') and is shaped in such a way that the blade (11, 12) covers the blade holder (4", 4'') over its full height and forms a contact face (13) used for support in relation to the cutout (3).

11. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has been selected from ceramic material.

12. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of a material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade (7, 10, 11, 12).

13. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a curable adhesive.

14. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a soldering material.

15. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') by means of welding, and in particular ultrasound welding.

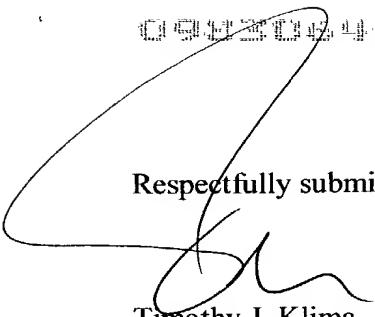
16. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that for the releasable connection between the knife support (1, 1', 1'', 1''') and the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') respectively a threaded bore (5) in the knife support (1, 1', 1'', 1'''), a pass-through bore (6), which is aligned with it and whose entry is widened, as well as screw means, which can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''), are multiply provided.

#### REMARKS

The preliminary amendments made herein are to remove multiple dependencies from the claims.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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## **APPENDIX**

### **(Claims With Markings To Show Changes Made)**

5. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 4], characterized in that the blade (7) has been embedded in a lock seam (8) on the free end of the blade holder (4).

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12. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 11], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of a material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade (7, 10, 11, 12).

13. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 12], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4'', 4''') with the aid of a curable adhesive.

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16. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 15], characterized in that for the releasable connection between the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'') and the blade holder (4, 4', 4'', 4''') respectively a threaded bore (5) in the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1''), a pass-through bore (6), which is aligned with it and whose entry is widened, as well as screw means, which can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder (4, 4', 4'', 4''''), are multiply provided.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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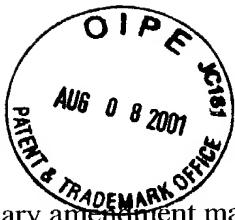
Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to examination:

**In the Specification:**

**Page 2, please delete the second full paragraph and replace it with the following amended paragraph:**

Basically the blade is made of highly wear-resistant materials, such as special metallic materials. The invention also permits and encourages the employment of other materials, in particular ceramics. In the simplest case the material can be used without a coating, but it can also have a coating, such as a diamond coating. Such materials and material combinations permit great operational dependability and a long service life, wherein the efficiency of the machines can be optimally employed.



REMARKS

The preliminary amendment made herein is to correct a clerical error in the original specification that unintentionally omitted a line of text from the subject paragraph. For purposes of clarity, this text has been inserted by this amendment. This amendment is fully supported by other areas of the specification and therefore, does not enter new matter. See, for instance, page 3, lines 30-33 of the specification:

The blade holder 4 is made of metal. Its free end, i.e. its free longitudinal side, is occupied by a blade 7 made of a particularly wear-resistant material. This is a hard alloy with a diamond coating, i.e. with a covering of diamond chips.  
(emphasis added)

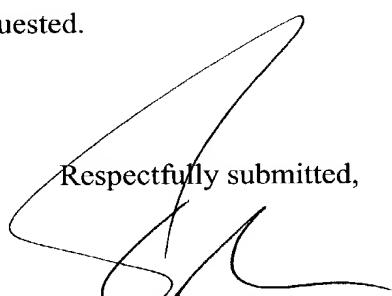
See also, claim 12, which states that “the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade”.

Finally, see the abstract, which states that the blade “is made of a cutting material and is to be connected with the knife support, in such a way that its manufacture is cost-effective and it is simple to manipulate and assures a high process dependability.” (emphasis added)

In view of the above, the present amendment does not enter new matter and it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## APPENDIX

### **(Replacement Specification Paragraph With Markings To Show Changes Made)**

Page 2, second full paragraph:

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## APPLICATION UNDER UNITED STATES PATENT LAWS

Atty. Dkt. No.: TK102

Invention: Machine Knife For Trimming Books Or The Like

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This is a:

- Provisional Application
- Regular Utility Application
- Continuing Application
  - The contents of the parent are incorporated by reference
- PCT National Phase Application
- Design Application
- Reissue Application
- Plant Application

## SPECIFICATION

## Machine Knife for Trimming Books or the Like

The invention relates to a machine knife for trimming books  
5 or the like in accordance with the preamble of claim 1.

Machine knives of this type have been known for some time.  
It is known in particular to solder blades or cutters made of  
hardened steel or a hard alloy to a metallic knife support and to  
connect both parts fixedly, i.e. non-releasably, with each other  
10 in this way. Such knives are primarily used in so-called three-  
knife automatic cutters and flat-cutting machines in the printing  
trade.

Such knives can be used several times, because they can be  
reground repeatedly. In the process they become shortened and  
15 must be freshly balanced each time. Special demands in regard to  
quality, accuracy, etc. must be made on the regrinding and  
balancing, so that thereafter the process parameters, which are  
important for achieving the desired quality and efficiency, remain  
assured.

20 As a rule, the work required on the knives is not performed  
by the manufacturer, but in local service shops, which proceed in  
accordance with their own processing methods. Therefore losses of  
quality inevitably occur because of this. Process interruptions  
can arise in the worst cases. Moreover, regrinding remains  
25 limited to defined metallic materials of defined metallurgical or  
chemical composition. This is where the invention comes into play.

It is the object of the invention to propose a novel  
machine knife, whose production is cost-effective, which is simple  
to use and assures high process dependability.

30 This object is attained by means of the characteristics of  
claim 1. Useful further developments are recited in the  
subsequent dependent claims.

As will be noted, the machine knife in accordance with the  
invention is essentially comprised of two elements, namely a knife  
35 support and a blade holder with the blade or cutter, which can be  
attached to it and released from it again. The blade or cutter is

permanently connected with the blade holder.

Now the knife support is no longer subjected to wear and is a permanent component of the respective machine. If required, a special cutout or the like is used for the interlocking reception 5 of the fresh wear element, namely the said blade holder and the blade connected therewith.

Basically the blade is made of highly wear-resistant materials, such as special metallic materials. The invention also permits and encourages the employment of other materials, in 10 particular ceramics. In the simplest case the material can be used without a coating, permit great operational dependability and a long service life, wherein the efficiency of the machines can be optimally employed.

Thus, wear is now reduced to that of the blade holder and 15 the blade. In this respect this is a wear element which can be produced comparatively cheaply and where regrinding is no longer worthwhile. It can be replaced simply and with exact fit. With this, the disadvantages mentioned at the outset are no longer present, in particular uncertainties in processing.

20 Further details and advantages will be described in what follows in connection with the drawings. Shown therein are in:

Fig. 1, a machine knife in accordance with the invention in a view from above,

25 Fig. 2, the subject of Fig. 1 in a lateral view, partially in section,

Fig. 3, the detail A in Fig. 2 in an enlarged representation with a special blade arrangement,

Fig. 4, a further machine knife in accordance with the invention in a view from above,

30 Fig. 5, the subject of Fig. 4 in a lateral view, partially in section,

Fig. 6, the detail B in Fig. 5 in an enlarged representation with another blade arrangement,

35 Fig. 7, represents the blade in an enlarged view prior to its connection with the blade holder,

Fig. 8, a machine knife in accordance with the invention in an enlarged representation similar to the representation in Figs. 3 and 6, and

5 Fig. 9, still another machine knife in accordance with the invention in the above mentioned representation.

In accordance with Figs. 1 to 3, a strip-shaped or, in a view from above, rectangular knife support 1 made of metal is provided with several bores 2 in order to be able to fix it in place, i.e. attach it to a machine, not shown in detail here. On 10 its longitudinal side which, in the mounted state, is free, the knife support 1 has a seam-shaped cutout 3, in which a strip-shaped blade holder 4 of trapezoidal cross section can be embedded in a flat and flush manner and can be secured on the knife support 1 by means of screws, which are not represented here for reasons 15 of improved clarity. But a threaded bore 5 in the knife support 1 and a pass-through bore 6 in the blade holder 4, which is cylindrically widened at the inlet so that a screw can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder 4, are visible.

As can be furthermore seen from the drawings, the boundary 20 faces of the cutout 3 at the end located at the inside, as well as the boundary faces of the blade holder 4 cooperating with them, extend at an acute angle, i.e. an angle of less than 90°, in respect to each other. A strong interlocked connection is made 25 possible by means of this in the interest of an even and assured transfer of force, as well as a long tool life (service life). A forced seating, so to speak, is provided, into which the blade holder 4 is pressed by force and in which it is then particularly dependably held.

The blade holder 4 is made of metal. Its free end, i.e. 30 its free longitudinal side, is occupied by a blade 7 made of a particularly wear-resistant material. This is a hard alloy with a diamond coating, i.e. with a covering of diamond chips. The blade 7 itself has been embedded in a lock seam 8 on the blade holder 4 and glued to it so it cannot be removed. What was said about the 35 blade holder 4 in respect to the knife support 1 with its seam-

shaped cutout 3 similarly applies to the blade 7 in respect to the  
blade holder 4 with its lock seam 8. With the blade, too,  
boundary faces extending at an acute angle in respect to each  
other provide a good support and secure holding in the lock seam 8  
5 with its corresponding boundary faces wherein, as already stated,  
the blade holder 4 and the blade 7 are connected so they cannot be  
separated and constitute a quasi one-piece wear element. This can  
be produced cost-effectively, can be comfortably manipulated, and  
in particular can be simply and accurately positioned, and  
10 moreover is dependable to use.

The same considerations basically also apply to another  
embodiment in accordance with Figs. 4 to 7. Here, the knife  
support 1' has a slightly different shape in a view from above,  
but otherwise is again designed to be strip-shaped. However, a  
15 noticeable difference lies in that the blade holder 4' has a  
groove 9 on its free end, which extends slightly inclined in  
respect to the surface of the blade holder 4'. A blade 10 has  
been embedded in this groove 9. Because of the special support  
and protection which the groove 9 provides for the blade 10 it is  
20 possible here to use a material for the blade 10 which otherwise  
would not be used because of its sensitivity to shocks. Thus, a  
blade 10 made of a ceramic material has been chosen, which  
provides a great cutting quality. With this embodiment the fact  
that the blade 10 and the blade holder 4' are connected so they  
25 cannot be separated and therefore constitute a one-piece wear  
element also applies.

In connection with a further embodiment of a machine knife  
in accordance with Fig. 8 it is provided that the blade holder 4"  
is recessed at the blade tip in relation to the knife support 1"  
30 and is shaped in such a way that the blade 11 covers the blade  
holder 4" over its entire height and forms a contact face 13,  
which is used for support in respect to the cutout 3. In this  
case the blade 11 is held even more securely than before, so that  
it can also withstand greater stress. This is important when  
35 forces act on the blade tip not only in the direction of the solid

arrow line P, but also in the direction of the dashed arrow line.

In that case such forces can be partially diverted to the knife support 1" via the mentioned contact face 13 and can be neutralized, so to speak.

5 This effect can yet be increased in that an extension section 14 is provided on the blade 12 in accordance with Fig. 9.

This can be stepped in respect to the blade holder 4", but can also have another shape.

List of Reference Numerals

1	Knife support
1'	Knife support
1"	Knife support
1'''	Knife support
2	Bore
3	Cutout
4	Blade holder
4'	Blade holder
4"	Blade holder
4'''	Blade holder
5	Threaded bore
6	Pass-through bore
7	Blade
8	Lock seam
9	Groove
10	Blade
11	Blade
12	Blade
13	Contact face
14	Extension section
P	Arrow (line)

Claims

1. A machine knife for trimming books or the like, having a knife support made of metal, which can be connected with a machine, and a blade made of a cutting material, which is to be connected with the knife support, characterized in that the blade 5 (7, 10, 11, 12), as a part which can be replaced in the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'''), is designed in such a way that it can be combined with a blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''') to form an inseparable component, wherein the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''') is releasably attached to the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1''') and 10 is of such a size and shape that it can be comfortably manipulated and securely positioned.

2. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''') is made of metal, is essentially designed strip-shaped and has a slightly trapezoidal cross section.

3. The machine knife in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1''') has a seam-shaped cutout (3) for receiving the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''') in a flat and flush manner.

4. The machine knife in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that boundary faces of the seam-shaped cutout (3) at the inner end, the same as the boundary faces of the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''') acting together with them, each extend at 5 an angle of < 90° in respect to each other.

5. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the blade (7) has been embedded in a lock seam (8) on the free end of the blade holder (4).

6. The machine knife in accordance with claim 5,  
characterized in that boundary faces at the inner end of the lock  
seam (8), the same as the boundary faces of the blade (7) acting  
together with them, each extend at an angle of < 90° in respect to  
5 each other.

7. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to  
4, characterized in that the blade (10) has been embedded in a  
groove (9), which extends slightly inclined in respect to the  
surface of the blade holder (4').

8. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to  
4, characterized in that at the knife tip the blade holder (4'',  
4''') is recessed in respect to the knife support (1'', 1''') and  
is shaped in such a way that the blade (11, 12) covers the blade  
5 holder (4'', 4''') over its full height and forms a contact face  
(13) used for support in relation to the cutout (3).

9. The machine knife in accordance with claim 8,  
characterized in that for a stronger connection with the blade  
holder (4''') on the one hand, and for an improved support in  
relation to the cutout (3) on the other hand, the blade (12) has  
5 an extension section (14).

10. The machine knife in accordance with claim 9,  
characterized in that the extension section (14) is stepped in  
relation to the blade holder (4''').

11. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1  
to 10, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has been  
selected from ceramic material.

12. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1  
to 11, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a  
coating of a material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in

comparison with the cutting material of the blade (7, 10, 11, 12).

13. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a curable adhesive.

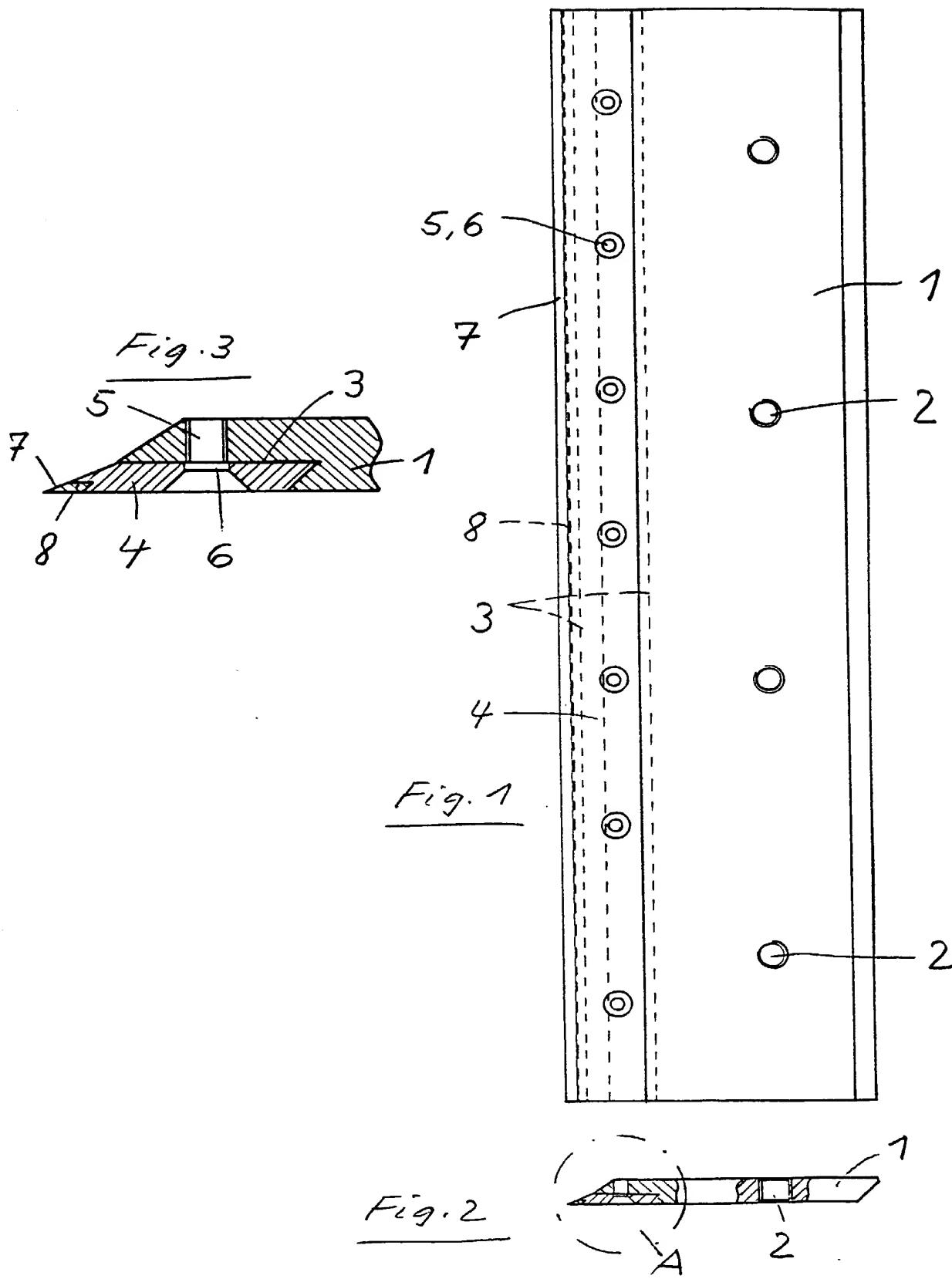
14. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a soldering material.

15. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') by means of welding, and in particular ultrasound welding.

16. The machine knife in accordance with one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that for the releasable connection between the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'') and the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') respectively a threaded bore (5) in the knife support  
5 (1, 1', 1", 1''), a pass-through bore (6), which is aligned with it and whose entry is widened, as well as screw means, which can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''), are multiply provided.

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(Fig. 3)

5 It is intended to further develop a machine knife for trimming books or the like, which has a knife support made of metal and can be connected with a machine, and a blade, which is made of a cutting material and is to be connected with the knife support, in such a way that its manufacture is cost-effective and  
10 it is simple to manipulate and assures a high process dependability. In accordance with the invention this is achieved in that, as a part which is replaceable in respect to the knife support 1, 1', 1", 1''', the blade 7, 10, 11, 12 is embodied in such a way that it is inseparably connected as one component with  
15 a blade holder 4, 4', 4", 4''', wherein the blade holder 4, 4', 4'', 4''' is releasably attached to the knife support 1, 1', 1", 1''' and is of such a size and shape that it can be comfortably manipulated and accurately positioned. In a preferred embodiment the blade 7 is embedded in a lock seam 8 at the free end of the  
20 blade holder 4. Embodiments wherein the blade holder 4", 4''' is recessed at the blade tip in respect to the knife support 1", 1''' and is shaped in such a way that the blade 11, 12 covers the blade holder 4", 4''' over its entire height and constitutes a contact face 13 used for support in respect to the cutout 3, satisfy  
25 higher stress demands. The blade 7, 10, 11, 12 can also be selected from ceramic materials inter alia.



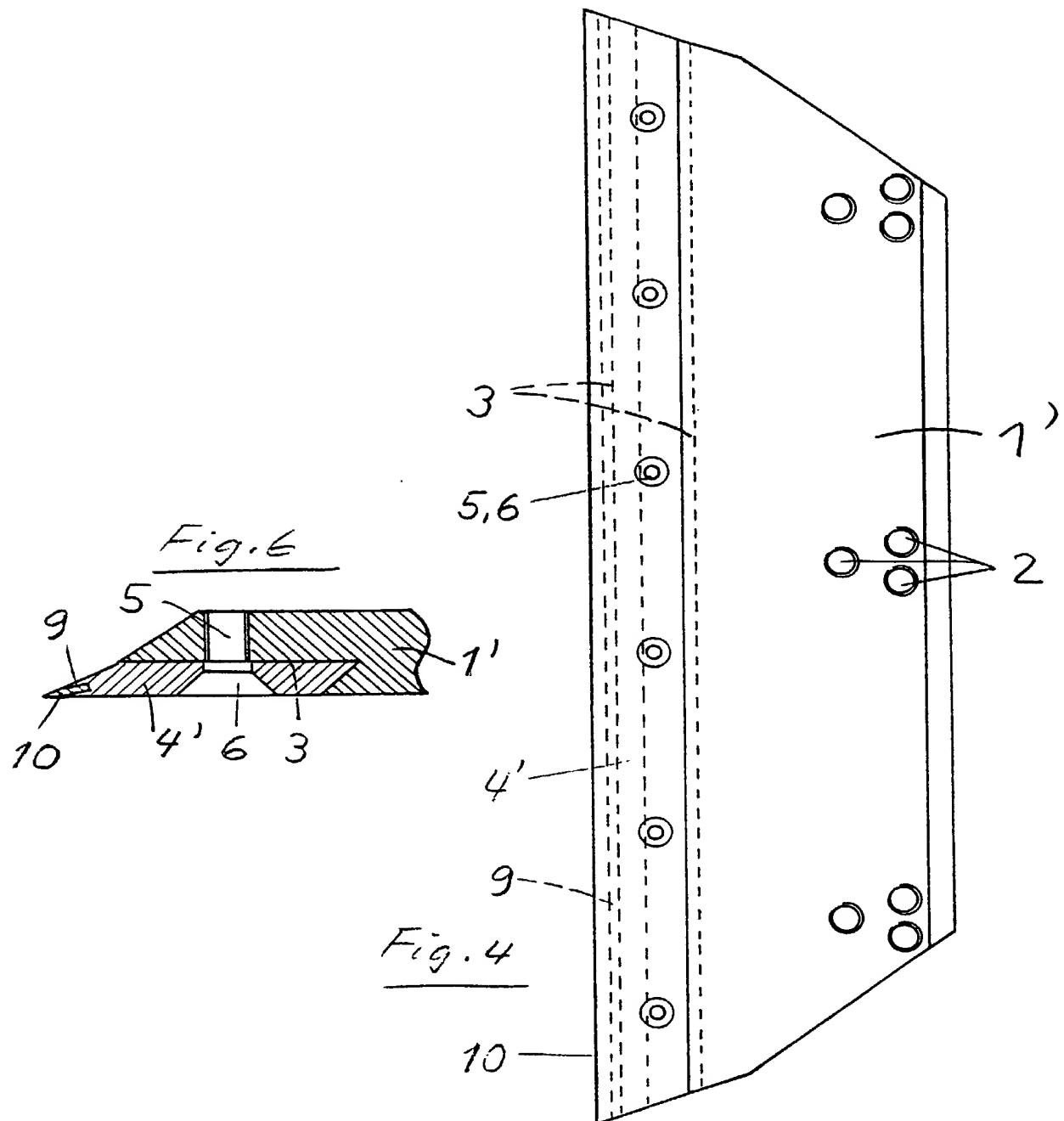


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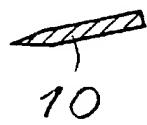


Fig. 5

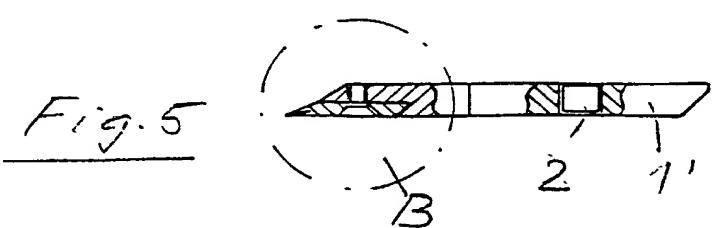
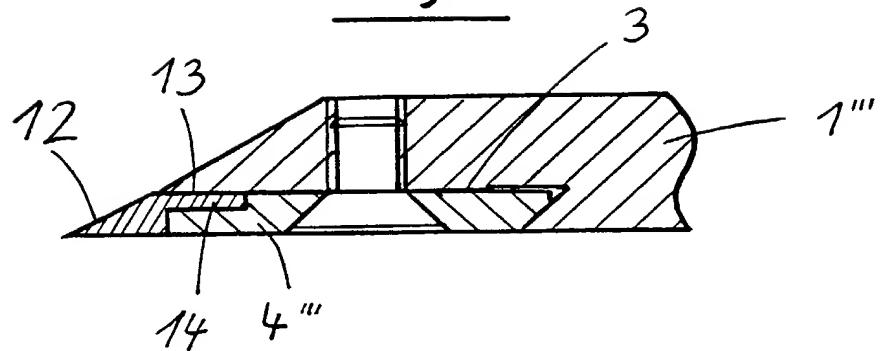
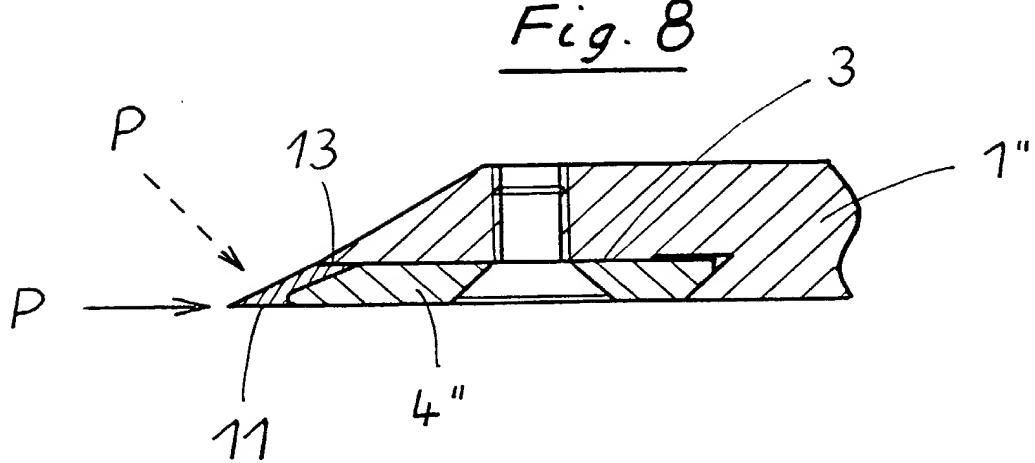


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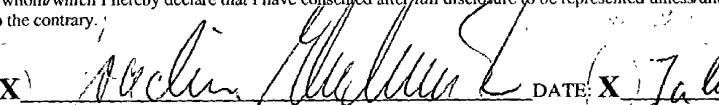
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